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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST THAT US OPPOSE PLO PARTICIPATION IN
POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: USUN 1717

1. ISRAELI MISSION (GORDON) CONTACTED US EARLY AFTERNOON
MAY 8, HAVING AWAKENED TO FACT THAT ECOSOC WAS ABOUT TO
INVITE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU AND ARAB
LEAGUE TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT VOTE IN POPULATION CONFERENCE,
AND ASKED US TO OPPOSE PLO PARTICIPATION, OR AT MINIMUM
EXPLAIN OUR POSITION ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ISRAELI
DEMARCHE SOUNDED SOMEWHAT LESS URGENT THAN IS USUAL IN SUCH
CASES.

2. IN LIGHT OF ISRAELI REPRESENTATION AND ON DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS,
US DEL MADE STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL CONCERNING OUR RESERVATIONS
ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS' PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.
ISRAEL MISSION TOLD US IT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SPECIFIC
DENUNCIATION OF PLO, BUT SEEMED TO FEEL OUR STATEMENT
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WENT FAR TOWARD MEETING THEIR CONCERN.

3. ISRAELIS TOLD US THAT US DECISION ON WHETHER TO MAKE A STATEMENT WOULD CONTROL DECISION OF UK AND SEVERAL OTHER WEST EUROPEANS. SPECIFICALLY, ISRAELIS UNDERSTOOD FROM BRITISH THAT IF US AND ONE OF NINE MADE STATEMENT, UK WOULD ALSO. AND IN THAT CASE, BRITISH REPORTEDLY SAID, FRG, ITALIANS AND OTHERS WOULD DO LIKEWISE.

4. COMMENT: DIFFERENT BRITISH MISOFFS HAVE GIVEN US DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS, AMONG THEM THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO STATE THEIR RESERVATIONS, NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS DID. WHATEVER THE FACTS IN THIS INSTANCE, WE EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED UKUN NOT TO LET ISRAELI MISSION KNOW WHEN IT IS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE WITH US. AS DEMONSTRATED RECENTLY IN ANOTHER FORUM, DOING SO CAN PUT US IN AWKWARD AND UNTENABLE POSITION VIS-A-VIS ISRAELIS.
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